

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 03843 210817Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00
 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-07 INR-07 NSAE-00
 EPG-02 FAA-00 PM-04 H-01 L-03 NSC-05 PA-01
 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /089 W
 -----023395 210850Z /20

R 201453Z JUN 77
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4548
INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMCONSUL DJIBOUTI
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY SANA
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3843

E.O. 1SXUF: A. KHARTOUM 2026, B. ADDIS ABABA 3784

1. IN JUNE 17 RELEASE EPMG SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED SUDAN GOVERNMENT DECISION TO PROHIBIT ETHIOPIAN AIRCRAFT FROM OVERFLYING OR LANDING IN SUDAN AS REGRETTABLE, SHAMEFUL, AND VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA HAS REFERRED TO DECISION AS "VICIOUS MOVE" AND "GROSS CRIME" BY REACTIONARY NIMEIRI CLIQUE.

2. EPMG SPOKESMAN NOTED TWO COUNTRIES HAD MAINTAINED AIR TRANSPORT LINKS FOR 30 YEARS UNDER BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BASED ON PROVISIONS OF CHICAGO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 03843 210817Z

CONVENTION. HE STATED SUDANGOV ACTION IN VIOLATION THESE AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AD INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. DECISION "FUTILE PLOT TO SINGLE OUT ETHIOPIA AS OBJECT OF BLOCKADE" AND PART OF OVER-ALL IMPERIALIST SCHEME TO DISRUPT ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. DECISION ALSO IN SHARP CONTRAST TO AIMS AND CONSTITUTIONS OF AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATION OF

AFRICAN AIRLINES (SUDAN MEMBER OF BOTH) AND CONTRARY TO INTERESTS OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF AFRICA.

3. SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT ABAI (BLUE NILE) RIVER WHICH SOURCE OF LIFE FOR OPPRESSED SUDANESE MASSES HAD ITS SOURCE IN ETHIOPIA, BUT THAT EPMG HAD NO INTENTION OF CAUSING ANY FORM OF HARDSHIP OR INCONVENIENCE TO SUDANESE PEOPLE. COMMENT: EPMG BLUE NILE THREAT VERBIAGE, SINCE EPMG PRESENTLY INCAPABLE OF AFFECTING RIVER'S FLOW. END COMMENT.

4. EPMG HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES TO OVERFLY SAUDI ARABIA, AND ETHIOPIA'S EUROPEAN SERVICE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE DISRUPTED. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE SUDANGOV DECISION EARLY THIS YEAR TO CEASE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO ADDIS AND CLOSE SUDAN AIRWAYS OFFICER HERE BASED ON ECONOMIC, RATHER THAN POLITICAL CRITERIA. IN CONTRAST, SUDANGOV DECISION RE ETHIOPIA POLITICAL IN NATURE, AND AS INDICATED KHARTOUM 2026 PROBABLY RESULT OF SUDANGOV CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE USE SUDAN AIRSPACE TO SHIP MILITARY CARGO TO ETHIOPIA.

TIENKEN

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ADDIS 03843 210817Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LANDING RIGHTS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, FLIGHT CLEARANCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 20-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ADDIS03843
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770220-1119
Format: TEL
From: ADDIS ABABA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770641/aaaabjxg.tel
Line Count: 90
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b95f827a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2101084
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SUDAN PROHIBITS ETHIOPIAN OVERFLIGHTS AND LANDING RIGHTS
TAGS: EAIR, ET, SU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b95f827a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009